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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Examiner: San Ming R Hui  
Oluwole T. Aloba et al. )  
Application No.: 10/023,748 ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
Filed: December 21, 2001 ) April 9, 2003

For: PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS )  
CONTAINING 17 $\beta$ -ESTRADIOL-3-LOWER  
ALKANOATE, METHOD OF ADMINISTERING  
THE SAME AND PROCESS OF PREPARATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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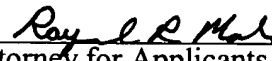
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-11 of Group I to prosecute in the present case. After a determination of allowability for the elected claims, Applicants hereby respectfully request that the method claims of Groups II and III, claims 12-20 and 44 and claims 21-28, respectively, be rejoined and favorably considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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